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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 891
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Brandi Shea Stephens, 2000
Salutatorian of Dresden High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Brandi Shea Stephens is one such exceptional student who was recently named salutatorian of the 2000 graduating class at Dresden High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Brandi Stephens has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Brandi has earned an exemplary 99.41 grade point average and has placed in the Top Ten of her class for all four years of her high school career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stephens has solidified her deserved reputation as a stellar student by means of her receipt of the 110% Award; her inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and her nomination for the Principal's Leadership Award; and

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WHEREAS, she has also earned distinction as an All-American Scholar and plans to attend college this fall; and

WHEREAS, Brandi has demonstrated her inimitable leadership abilities through meritorious service as Student Council President, DECA Club Vice President, Beta Club Treasurer and Class Treasurer during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to establishing an impressive record of academic excellence, Brandi has also actively participated in numerous clubs and activities, including membership in the STARS Club, Mu Alpha Theta, "D" Club, the Science Club, the Spanish Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable young lady has been honored by her classmates as "Best Dressed" and has been crowned "Miss DHS"; and

WHEREAS, Brandi has served her school with great ability and enthusiasm as a cheerleader for four years and was the cheerleading squad's football-season captain during her senior year; she has been nominated for All-American honors as a cheerleader; and

WHEREAS, an exceptionally gifted athlete, Brandi also enjoys ballroom dancing; and

WHEREAS, she expresses her robust faith in the Lord as a member of Matheny Grove Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stephens' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Brandi's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Kerry Stephens and Tom and Christine Bennett; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Means and Mr. and Mrs. James Wright; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, Brandi Stephen's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Dresden High School Salutatorian, Brandi Shea Stephens, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.